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SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the constitution of the Harijan Welfare Committee was done all through from the members of one particular community among Harijans, namely, Malas, otherwise called Parayas? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of that, Sir."

Bridge over the Godavari at Kovvur.

* 395 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member, Sri M. Rajeswara Rao, is not in his seat, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a plan with the Government to construct a bridge across the Godavari river by the side of the existing railway bridge at Kovvur, West Godavari district; and

(*b*) if so, the probable cost of the construction of such a bridge?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

Planning Commission discussion on the utilization of Godavari and Krishna waters.

* 404 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representative of the Government of Madras is participating in the meeting of the Planning Commission convened to discuss and take final decision on the utilization of Krishna and Godavari river waters; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any, and if so, what mandate was given to the representative of the Government of Madras about the stand he should take in the discussions?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The stage has not yet been reached when any finalised policy can be declared, as the matter is still being considered by the Planning Commission of the Central Government. But, it may be stated generally, on behalf of this Government, that we are in favour of giving to the underwatered areas of Rayalaseema and contiguous uplands in Nellore and Guntur districts, top priority in making the best use of available surplus waters. subject of course to physical and financial limitations."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" ఇప్పుడు కొన్నికొన్ని schemes అనగా కృష్ణా-పెన్నారు, గండికోట, నందికొండ అనే స్కీములు విషయములో Planning Commission వారు చేసే విచారణకుగాను ప్రభుత్వం ఏమి stand తీసుకొని ప్రభుత్వ ప్రతినిధులకు చెప్పి పంపించారు ? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

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SRI C. RAMIAH CHOWDARY :—" కృష్ణా పెన్నారు project విషయము మంత్రిగారి దృష్టిలోలేకుండా, నందికొండ ప్రాజెక్టు మంచిదని సెల విచ్చారా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఇంతకు ముందు కృష్ణా-పెన్నారు ప్రాజెక్టును గురించి అడిగిన ప్రశ్నకు మంత్రిగారు 'నోటీసు' అని అడిగారు అలాగే గండికోట, నందికొండ ప్రాజెక్టుల విషయములో అడగగా మరల నోటీసు అని అంటున్నారు. గండి కోట స్కీమును పంచవర్ష ప్రణాళికలో చేర్చబడ్డదని యిదివరకు మంత్రిగారు శెలవిచ్చారు. ఈ విషయము యిప్పుడు మంత్రిగారు మరచిపోయారా, లేక వారి విధానము మార్చు కొని గండికోటను, పంచవర్ష ప్రణాళికలో చేర్చనే లేదా ? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question No. 409 will be taken up at the end."

Gazetted posts in the Agricultural department.

* 410 *Q*.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of applications received by the Madras Public Service Commission, this year from (1) Harijans and (2) Christians, for Gazetted posts in the Agricultural department?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (1) Number of applications received from Harijans is 9.

" (2) Number of applications received from Christians is 22."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any instructions were given to the Madras Public Service Commission to include in the 25 per cent reservation, Scheduled Castes Christians also? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Notice, Sir."

State Housing Committee.

9-10 a.m. * 414 *Q*.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government have formed the State Housing Committee with Government officials only ; and

(*b*) what are the functions of that Committee?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) It is presumed that the hon. Member is referring to the Housing Advisory Committee and not the Provincial Housing Committee which was constituted in 1947 and which has ceased to function. The Housing Advisory Committee consists of four Ministers and one Government official, who is the Member-Secretary of the Committee. The Committee may invite for their meetings officials and non-officials according to the subject discussed and the advice required on it.